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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AN OPERATING

CONDITION IN A COMMUNICATIONS

**SYSTEM** 

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add following new claims 39-42:

39. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the uplink signals are included in a spatial division multiple access (SDMA) communications system.

40. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the uplink signals are included in a

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